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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please support broadband competition. Do not allow ATT and other providers to shut out competitors. Please overrule local jurisdictions that limit carrier choice because of decades old and unethical franchise agreements. Without competitive broadband my life would suffer. I use the Internet to attend college online, read the news, research political issues, to shop and to pay bills. Dealing with Internet service providers (ATT and Comcast) in my area is often painful and takes multiple calls to have problems fixed. They do not value customers because they know we have no alternatives. Forcing competition can only improve the services and lower costs. We need more alternatives. Please provide consumer protections. The big companies already have more than enough protection (lobbyists, lawyers and large amounts of cash) somebody in the government needs to protect and work to benefit the consumer.

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